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*Danbury and Our Boys
in the World War*

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PART I.

What Danbury Contributed to the War.

Danbury's only defense before the war—The Eighth Company,
Coast Artillery Corps, Connecticut National Guard. (8th Co., C.
A. C., C. N. G.)

ROSTER, JULY, 1917.

Captain,
Charles Lord.

First Lieutenant,
Anthony Sunderland.

Second Lieutenants,
Charles Voegele.

Staff Officer.
Gus Holmgren,

Sergeants

First Sergeant, Frank Stone
Supply Sergeant, Harold Lent
Mess Sergeant, Martin Green

Frederick Schulze,
Willis Woodin
Renzo Gaia
Alton O'Connor

Ivan Lord
Charles Regan
Clarence Wildman
Joseph Wixted

Corporals

Buglers, Lloyd Sturges, Michael Peeler
Cooks—Joseph Pawloski, Franklin Snow
Mechanics—Walter Meyers, John Brodie

George Benig
Robert Betancourt
Alfred Connolley
Louis Deboben
Anthony Favorinski
Dominic Hunt

Kenneth Keeler
John Marsh
John McCarthy
Avery Pike
Frederick Quaas
Paul Walsh

Privates

Clarence Avery
Clifford Baldwin
Clifford Banks
Alvah Bishop
LeGrand Benedict
Clayton Bennett
Joseph Bleckel
Ernest Boughey
Arthur Brink
Floyd Comstock
Thomas Cassidy
Andrew Carlson
Martin Carrol
Frank Cleary
Irving Conley
Charles Churchill
William Collier
Clifford Conklin
Miles Dickins
Herbert Durgy
Francis Dyer
George Emans
Karl Faust
Edward Foshay
Arthur Franklin
Robert Ferry
William Gabrielle
Arthur Gleave
Edward Goos
Carl Gustafson

Herbert Hand
John Haugh
Lewis Hawley
William Heady
Matthias Heinzelman
Marshall Huse
John Huss
Kenneth Hooper
George Johnson
Clayton Knapp
Leo Kelley
Arthur Kelley
William Lewis
Hanford Light
Martin Lillis
Harry Lutes
Walter Martin
Algie Mead
Paul Manacek
Frank Metcalf
Ronald McLean
Daniel McNerney
Harry Miller
Matthew Mitchell
Lyman Monroe
Edward Morris
George Myers
Joseph Norkin
Einar Olson
Louis Osborne

Stuart Payne
Michael Piccirille
William Phillips
John Renner
Frank Ridgeway
George Seaberg
Stephen Sedimer
Weber Schoening
William Schofield
Charles Sherwood
Charles Schmidt
George Stott
Walter Silvernail
Howard Stryker
Leroy Taylor
Francis Vaughn
Raymond Walling
Albert Walsh
Benjamin Washburn
Clifton White
Joseph Zarcone

Reserves

Charles Bachman
Gilbert Burns
Earl Gallagher
George Hinckley
Charles Schulz
Wilbur Valine

Order of Important Events in Danbury During the Great War, Beginning With the Declaration of War, April 6, 1917, and Ending With the Signing of the Armistice, November 11, 1918.

May—Marked the first enlistments of "Our Boys" in the service of their country, in various branches.

June—The first military registration was held and 1,895 men between the ages of twenty-one and thirty-one registered for service.

Danbury contributed \$16,950.38 to the fund raised by the Red Cross Campaign. First Liberty Loan Campaign amounted to \$380,150.

July—Orders were received for the Eighth Company to mobilize for Federal Service, leaving on the 25th, for Fort Wright, Fisher's Island, prior to active service in France. A fund of \$1,100 was presented to the Company by the community.

August—Examination of 410 registered men begins. Danbury district's quota being 165 men in the first draft for National Army Service.

September—During the month sixty-six registered men in the first draft leave for Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass.

October—Second contingent of sixty-nine men leave for Camp Devens.

Walter J. Henebry dies of pneumonia at Camp Devens. He is the first Danbury boy to die in the service of his country.

Danbury contributed \$808 toward the War Library Fund.

At the close of the Second Liberty Loan Campaign, Danbury had subscribed for bonds to the amount of \$1,183,000—50% "over-the-top."

November—Second draft call is issued. A total of one-hundred and seventy-six men have entered for service in the National Army.

Danbury contributes \$14,680 toward the Y. M. C. A. Drive.

December—Thirty-two men enlist in the Ordnance Corps. Jewish War Relief Fund drive closes with a contribution of \$2,106.25.

Christmas Red Cross Roll Call brings in \$8,855.

— 1918 —

January—Knights of Columbus open drive for \$10,000, but instead reach the amount of \$13,850, with 5,100 persons contributing.

Nine men leave for Camp Devens, having been deferred from the last draft on account of the influenza epidemic.

February—The Salvation Army Drive shows a report of \$1,800.

Contingent of twenty-six men leave for Camp Devens.

March—A drive to secure reading matter for our sailors and soldiers, results in 2,160 volumes of books and magazines being contributed.

The first roster printed, since the war began, shows that Danbury had enrolled over 500 men. The following indicate the various branches of service to which they were assigned:

Regular Army—Medical department, four; Dental reserve, three. Officers' reserve corps, eight; one in France. Veterinary reserve corps, one. Signal corps, eight. Ordnance department, thirty-nine; one in France. Quartermasters' department, eleven; two in France. Ambulance service, nine; four in France, two having already returned after six months' service. Transportation service, three; one in France. Sanitary detachment, Coast defense, eight. Home Guard section, Coast defense; ninety-nine. Railroad corps, six; and all in France. Engineering corps, three; one in France. Balloon unit, four including one in France. Aviation corps, thirty-nine. Infantry, twenty-seven; twelve in France. Artillery, ten; five in France. Cavalry, four. Marine corps, eight. Musicians, four.

National Army—One hundred and thirty-six.

Canadian Army—Six.

Navy—Fifty-nine, including Captain, Commander, Lieutenant, and Ensigns, also wireless operators, hospital apprentices, machinists' mates, yeoman, seaman and reserves. In this department also appear the names of three young women who enlisted their services as Uncle Sam's yeomanettes.

Three former Danbury men in the ministry have been assigned to duty as chaplains in the National Army.

During the six months' of the draft, two hundred and twenty-three men have been accepted for service into the National Army.

April—The first word that had been received of the safe arrival over-seas of members of the Eighth Company, now of the 28th Regiment.

Danbury goes "over-the-top" in the Third Liberty Loan Drive, subscribing to \$1,150,600 worth of bonds.

Word was received of the death in action, on April 20th, of George C. Fairchild, of New Fairfield; the first man in this district to lose his life on the battlefields of France.

May—A contingent of ninety-four selective-service men leave for Camps Upton, N. Y., and Fort Slocum, Boston, Mass.

During the Red Cross Drive, Danbury contributed \$27,000 toward the fund.

News received of the safe arrival overseas of the 56th Regiment, Battery E, formerly members of the Eighth Company, C. A. C.

June—Men who have reached the age of twenty-one since June 5th, 1917, register for service.

Seven nurses graduating from the Danbury Hospital Training School volunteer their services.

War Savings and Thrift Stamps Campaign closes with a pledge of \$160,000.

July—One hundred and forty-seven selective-service men leave for Camp Devens, and eight limited-service men leave for Syracuse, N. Y.

August—Seven colored men; three limited-service, and fifteen selected-service men leave for camp. Thirty-six selective service men leave for Camp Greenleaf, Ga. and six limited-service men leave for Camp Upton, N. Y.

Thus far, reports just compiled show that 1,050 men from this district are in the service of their country.

"Our Boys" of the old Eighth Company, now the 56th are on the firing-line and in the thick of battle. Raymond Walling reported the first member of the company to lose his life in the war.

September—Men between the ages of thirty-two and forty-five register for service. Eighteen selective service men leave for Camp Upton.

Local Red Cross sends 500 sweaters and 1,356 pairs of sox to the men in service.

Fourth Liberty Loan far exceeds its quota, \$1,746,050 was the amount pledged by the people of Danbury.

October—Thirty selective-service men leave for Fortress Monroe, Va., and five limited-service men leave for Fort Slocum, Mass. The women of Danbury send two tons of jam to France.

November—During the United War Work Campaign, \$55,000 was contributed by the community.

The Victory Loan shows a pledge of \$1,160,300, while the 1918 Red Cross Roll Call amounted to \$6,120.

The grand total raised for war purposes amounted to the sum of nearly six million dollars.

The total number of men and women in service from Danbury was thirteen hundred; of these 112 served in the Navy, 49 in the Aviation Corps; 20 in the Marine Service; 24 in the Student Army Training Corps (S. A. T. C.); 12 in Special Service, the remainder were in the Regular Army. Also three Chaplains enlisted from

Danbury; ten Physicians and Dentists; eleven young women who served as Army Nurses and Yeomanettes.

One hundred families gave two members of their family to the service; eighteen families gave three men; one family gave four sons to the service of their country.

The number of men who lost their lives during the war were thirty-six; eleven in the United States, and twenty-five in France.

Fifty men were reported wounded on the battle fields of France, while many more were gassed and shell-shocked.

The total number disabled from the effects of the war were sixty-one veterans.

How Danbury Stood Back of the Boys.

First Liberty Loan	\$ 380,150	
Second Liberty Loan	1,183,800	
Third Liberty Loan	1,150,600	
Fourth Liberty Loan	1,746,050	
War Savings and Thrift Stamps	160,000	
Victory Loan	1,160,300	\$5,780,900
Red Cross National Drive, 1917	16,950	
Red Cross National Drive, 1918	27,000	
Red Cross Roll Call, 1917	8,855	
Red Cross Roll Call, 1918	6,120	\$ 58,925
Y. M. C. A. Drive, 1917	14,680	
Knights of Columbus Drive	13,850	
Salvation Army Drive	1,808	
Jewish Relief Fund	1,293	
Library Fund	808	
United War Work Campaign	55,000	\$ 87,439
	Grand Total,	\$5,927,264

Honor Roll

November 11, 1918-1919

"Our Boys" who were killed in action on the battlefields of France, or lost their lives on foreign soil, in the service of their beloved country:

Private George C. Fairchild, 102nd Infantry, killed in action, April 20, 1918.

Frank A. Morgan, Co. M., 102nd Infantry, killed in action, June 20, 1918.

Private Albert Smith, Co. A., 101st Infantry, killed in action, July 23, 1918.

Private Emil Marasco, Co. K., 326th Infantry, killed in action, August 4, 1918.

Private John Gilbert, Signal Corps, 327th Infantry, died of wounds received in action, August 12, 1918.

Private Raymond Walling, Battery F., 56th Artillery, died of wounds received in action, August 31st, 1918.

Private Iver Holmes, Co. G., 307th Infantry, reported killed in action, September 15, 1918.

Private Joseph Russo, 116th Supply Co., Quartermasters Corps, died in France, September 19, 1918.

Private George H. Wood, Co. B., 307th Infantry, died from wounds received in action, September 20th, 1918.

G. Winthrop Standish, Co. H., 107th Infantry, killed in action, September 29, 1918.

Corporal George W. Hyatt, Co. A., 327th Infantry, died of wounds received in action, October 3, 1918.

Private George B. Hawley, Headquarters Co., 307th Infantry, died in France, October 7, 1918.

Private Joseph T. Cassidy, Co. I., 115th Infantry, killed in action, October 8, 1918.

Corporal Charles A. Schoonover, 305th Infantry, killed in action, October 10, 1918.

Private Phillip Tomanio, Co. A., 11th Machine Gun Battalion, died in France, October 11, 1918.

Private Toby Azmar, 325th Infantry, killed in action, October 11, 1918.

Private Gustave Streibig, Co. L., 325th Infantry, died of wounds received in action, October 17, 1918.

Private Martin E. Brennan, Headquarters Co., 138th Field Artillery, killed in railroad accident in England, October 26, 1918.

Musician Avery N. Hinckley, 77th Field Artillery Band, killed in action, November 11, 1918.

Private James DePaolis, Battery F., 10th Field Artillery, died in France, November 26, 1918.

Private Fred G. Lyon, Sanitary Detachment, 56th Artillery, died in France, December 3, 1918.

Private Edward N. Street, Co. B., 4th Military Police, died at Thier, Germany, December 10, 1918.

Private James Cantoni, Co. I., 304th Regiment, died in France, January 6, 1919.

Corporal Anthony Mancuso, Co. L., 325th Infantry, died of wounds received in action, January 10, 1919.

James F. Kelley, Merchant Marine Service, drowned at Rotterdam, Holland, August 2, 1919.

Died in Service in the United States

Private Walter J. Henebry, 304th Infantry, died at Camp Devens, Mass., October 14, 1917.

Seaman Ronald Luke, U. S. Navy, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., May 17, 1918.

Cadet George Byrnes, Merchant Marine Service, died in Brookline, Mass., September 21, 1918.

Private Paul Manent, 37th Co., 151st Depot Brigade, died at Camp Devens, Mass., September 24th, 1918.

Private John E. Lobdell, 74th Infantry, died at Camp Devens, Mass., September 30, 1918.

Private Alfred Layman, Radio Department, died at Ebbert's Field, Ark., September 30, 1918.

Private Joseph McHugh, 24th Co., 152 Depot Brigade, died at Camp Upton, N. Y., October 4, 1918.

Private Stephen J. Feeley, Engineers Corps, died at Washington, D. C., October 4, 1918.

Private Philo J. Hawley, Engineers Corps, died at Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., October 11, 1918.

Private Reuben J. Knapp, 24th Co., 152nd Depot Brigade, died at Camp Upton, N. Y., October 13, 1918.

Private Terrence Coffey, Co. F., 74th Infantry, died at Camp Devens, Mass., January 25, 1919.

Bodies of "Our Heroes" Returned Home

Private Martin E. Brennan.

Private George B. Hawley.

Private James F. Kelley.

Private Phillip Tomanio.

Private Fred G. Lyon.

Private Edward N. Street.

Private Anthony W. Mancuso.

Private John F. Gilbert.

Private Joseph T. Cassidy.

Private James Cantoni.

Private Emil Marasco.

Private Gustave Streibig.

Cadet George A. Byrnes.

**Ex-Service Men Who Have Died Since November
11, 1919, or After Honorable Discharge.**

James O'Hara, December 17, 1919.

Emil Dittmar, February 3, 1920.

Charles Michael, February 8, 1920.

Andrew Kelley, June 9, 1920.

Joseph Bates, July 30, 1920.

Frank Tomaino, August 6, 1920.

Roy Webber, September 8, 1920.

Frederick Berardi, January 9, 1921.

Lowell Starr, August 7, 1921.

George Mitchel, October 13, 1921.

Alfred Belot, January 30, 1922.

Joseph Wocek, August 28, 1922.

William Euvrard, September 27, 1922.

Charles Rice, March 19, 1923.

John Falvo, May 28, 1923.

PART II.

After the War is Over The American Legion Carries On.

PREAMBLE.

National Constitution of The American Legion.

“For God and Country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent. Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the Great War; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good-will on earth; to safe-guard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.”

CHAPTER I.

After the War is Over—The American Legion Carries On As a National Organization.

Hardly had the thrill of Armistice Day ceased when a Veterans' organization began to be discussed. That great organized body of ex-service men and women who served our country in the Great War found its birth on the soils of France. The original vision of a small group of men who met and planned the Paris Caucus has not been lost sight of in the Legion. Their dream of a great soldiers' organization, moved by an impulse for continued service to America, and held together by the ties of comradeship in the World's greatest adventure has come true.

Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., the father of The American Legion, first called together the original group of twenty founders to meet in Paris on the evening of February 15th, 1919. It was at this meeting that the Paris Caucus was decided upon, a policy of organization adopted and the work of getting the great movement started assigned to those present. They were undecided whether to initiate the movement in France or wait until they were all back home and out of service. After much discussion it was determined to establish the tradition of having the organization formed in France, the scene of America's bitter tragedies and glorious victories.

The committee decided upon March 15th for the Paris Caucus and sent notifications to representatives of every overseas division to attend. Nearly 1,000 officers and enlisted men were present. An executive committee of 100 was chosen, a constitution outlined, and the name "The American Legion" given the new organization. The high purposes which moved The American Legion from its inception were embodied in the first draft of its Constitution. Since then the immortal preamble which now proclaims the Legion's purpose has developed to take its place as one of the great documents in American history.

To get word of The American Legion into the minds and hearts of every eligible man and woman in France was the task at hand. All sailors, soldiers and marines were entitled to membership, while the details of enrollment were to be undertaken in the United States. The high requirements which were decided upon then, still prevail; that is:

"Any person shall be eligible to membership in The American Legion, who was regularly enlisted, drafted, inducted or commissioned and who served in active duty in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States at some time during the period between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, both dates inclusive, or who, being a citizen of the United States, at the time of his entry, therein, served on active duty in the Naval, Military or Air Forces of any of the governments associated with the United States during the Great War; provided that no person shall be entitled to membership (a) who, being in the Army, Navy or Marine Corps during that period, refused on conscientious, political or other grounds, to subject himself to military discipline or unqualified service, or (b) who being in such service, was separated therefrom under circumstances amounting to dishonorable discharge and has not subsequently been restored to an honorable status."

On April 7, 1919, at another meeting in Paris, a committee of fifteen was appointed to begin operations in America.

A call to the St. Louis Caucus to be held May 8-10, was sent broadcast. Delegates went from every State in the Union. Henry Lindsley was elected National Commander.

The Paris and St. Louis executive committees met in New York, on May 23rd, and formed The National Executive Committee which was responsible for the organization work.

A congressional charter was granted on September 16th, incorporating The American Legion.

November 10, 11, and 12, the first anniversary of the Signing of the Armistice was chosen as a fitting date for the first National Convention, held at Minneapolis, Minn. Frank D'Olier was elected National Commander; a permanent constitution was adopted; Indianapolis was chosen as the permanent Legion Headquarters; the second convention to be called at Cleveland, Ohio, September 27th to 29th, 1920.

At this convention important resolutions were adopted; policies reaffirmed, and it was also voted to bend all efforts toward securing justice for the disabled ex-service men. The Shirley Poppy was adopted as the official flower; Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr., was elected National Commander; the third National Convention to be held in Kansas City, Mo., October 31st, and November 1st and 2d, 1921.

June 9, 1921, National Commander, Galbraith, was killed in an accident at Indianapolis, while on a speaking tour in the interest of the ex-service men, especially the disabled. John G. Emery succeeds him in office.

October 31—The Third National Convention opens at Kansas City. Four foreign renowned heroes representing our allies in the Great War were in attendance, Marshal Foch, of France; General Diaz, of Italy; General Jacques, of Belgium, and Admiral Beatty, of Britain. General John Pershing was also present.

Hanford MacNider was elected National Commander. It was voted to continue the Legion's stand for the Adjusted Compensation Bill, and to fight for its earliest enactment. It was at this Convention, November 2nd, that the National American Legion Auxiliary came into being.

The Fourth National Convention of The American Legion was held in New Orleans, La., October 16th to 19th, 1922. A thousand delegates representing every state in the Union attended. General Pershing was again present.

Alvin Owsley, of Texas, Director of the Legion's Americanism Commission was elected Commander..

The voice of the Convention declared among other policies, that; it is the unanimous will of The American Legion that the fight for Adjusted Compensation be pressed until it is won; eight amendments to the Constitution were adopted; it recommended uniform state laws to prevent abuse of the right to wear the Legion emblem and decried the commercial use of same; it authorized a study of plan to establish a National Home for destitute and orphaned children of deceased Legionaires. It also recommended that the Friday prior to May First, each year, be set apart as Americanism Day; the next National Convention to be held in San Francisco, Cal.

CHAPTER II.

The American Legion Auxiliary.

The Women's Auxiliary of The American Legion (that great body of ex-service men and women who served America in the Great War) was established by an act of the First National Convention of The American Legion held at Minneapolis, Minn., November 10th to 12th, 1919.

The temporary national organization of The American Legion had received many requests for recognition from representatives of several women's organizations prior to the holding of the convention. The committee felt that they were not empowered sufficiently to grant recognition of this character, and advised these representatives to present their arguments to the proper committee at the convention. The permanent organization provided a committee to handle the question of an affiliated woman's organization. This committee received representatives of all women's organizations present and in every instance gave careful consideration to their many arguments favoring the acceptance of their respective organizations and the committee recommended that the new organization might well be known as the "Woman's Auxiliary" of The American Legion.

The name having been decided upon, the committee further recommended to the constitutional committee the present eligibility clause which appears as Article XIII in the National Constitution of The American Legion and reads as follows:

Section 1. The American Legion recognizes an auxiliary organization to be known as "The Woman's Auxiliary of The American Legion."

Sec. 2. Membership therein shall be limited to the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of the members of The American Legion and to the mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of all men and women who were in the military or naval service of the United States between April 6, 1917, and November 11, 1918, and died in the line of battle or after honorable discharge and prior to November 11, 1920.

Sec. 3. The Auxiliary shall be governed in each department of The American Legion by such rules and regulations as may be prescribed by the National Executive Committee and thereafter approved by such Department.

[Note.—Any person related to any member of the Legion either by birth or law under the name of mother, wife, sister or daughter is entitled to membership in the Auxiliary.]

The Second National Convention of The American Legion held at Cleveland, Ohio, September 27th to 29th, 1920, approved the following report of the Committee on Woman's Auxiliary: That we fully realize the importance of the Woman's Auxiliary and hope soon this organization may be completely perfected, in state and nation.

It was recommended that when twenty (20%) per cent. of State Departments have organized Auxiliary Units, the National Commander shall call a Convention for the purpose of forming a National Organization; it was also recommended that the National Constitution be so amended as to permit a change of name and to select any name at the First National Convention of Woman's Auxiliary. It was further recommended; That it be the policy of The American Legion in dealing with its Auxiliary to accept without question the policy and management, without any reservations whatsoever, so long as the ideals and purposes of The American Legion are upheld. Also that a definite outline of suggested activities be submitted as a foundation upon which a cooperative program can be established that will tend to unite Posts of the Legion and Units of the Auxiliary, as well as to develop the social and economic life of our several communities and that such program be established by each Department Commander for his respective state.

The first National Convention of The American Legion Auxiliary was held at Kansas City, Mo., November 1st, 1921. National Commander, John Emery, of The American Legion presided. General Pershing and Marshall Foch, of France, were present and each addressed the gathering.

On Wednesday, November 2nd, reports were made by the following committees: Credentials, Rules, Finance, Permanent Organizations, Resolution, Unit Organization and Activities, Welfare and Hospitalization, Constitution.

The preamble adopted is similar to that of the Legion Constitution, with the clause added: "To participate in, and contribute to the accomplishments of the aims and purposes of The American Legion, to consecrate and sanctify our association by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. Lowell Hobart, Cincinnati, Ohio; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Clarence Edwards, Westwood, Mass., Mrs. Madge Johnson, Aberdeen, S. D., Mrs. Carrol Marks, Los Angeles, Cal., Mrs. Edward Murray, Houston, Texas; Secretary, Miss Pauline Curnick, Indianapolis, Ind.; Treas-

urer, Miss M. Izetta McCoy, Topeka, Kan.; Historian, Mrs. Belle Nye, Albuquerque, N. M.; Chaplain, Mrs. F. O. Burdick, Wichita Falls, Texas.

The Second National Convention of The American Legion Auxiliary was held in New Orleans, La., October 16th to 19th, 1922. About five hundred women delegates, representing every state in the Union, besides, the Canal Zone, Hawaii and France were represented.

The Auxiliary showed its utmost confidence in The American Legion and pronounced itself one hundred per cent. with the Legion in its demand for adjusted compensation. It announced its sympathy with the Legion in its desire for improved conditions for disabled veterans; it passed resolutions endorsing the Legion's stand on immigration, law and order. In a way it was a reflection of the Legion Convention which was held in the same place and at the same time.

The Auxiliary went out of its path to help all the veterans of the world, for it laid the foundation for an international society of Veteran's Auxiliary.

A committee was appointed to consider with the Legion the adoption of the same National Flower for both organizations.

A resolution was passed requesting that future articles of clothing sold by the army be dyed before sale to civilians, so that non-ex-service men could not appear in guise of veterans and seek charity.

Many resolutions were read on hospitalization. Several schemes for the advancement of the interests of disabled soldiers and sailors were brought forward but the final resolution provided for a joint departmental hospitalization drive in the Auxiliary.

Dr. Kate Barrett, of Virginia, was elected National President and has the distinction of being one of the five women from the United States who were privileged to attend the signing of the treaty of Versailles.

The following Vice-Presidents were elected: Mrs. Margaret Simon, Colorado; Mrs. Jennie Neely, Washington; Mrs. Donald MacCrae, Iowa; Mrs. Flora Spalding, New Hampshire; Mrs. Frank Fleming, Georgia; National Secretary, Miss Bess Wetherholt; Treasurer, Miss Izetta McCoy; Historian, Mrs. Belle Nye; Chaplain, Mrs. F. O. Burdick.

CHAPTER III.

Department of Connecticut.

The first Connecticut man to hear from the leaders of The American Legion was James Moody, Jr., of Hartford. Hardly two weeks had passed (March 27, 1919) since the Paris Caucus, when Mr. Moody received a telegram from Theodore Roosevelt, Jr., stating that a Caucus would be held in May, at St. Louis, and asking him to send the names of those whom he thought would represent Connecticut as delegates. Within a few days Mr. Roosevelt appointed Mr. Moody State Chairman and Alfred Phillips, Jr., of Stamford, State Secretary.

On April 16th, 1919, both chairman and secretary met in New Haven, and made arrangements for a state organization, by senatorial districts. Four days later, Mr. Roosevelt called on Mr. Moody and requested him to proceed with arrangements for a delegation from this state to attend the St. Louis Caucus, May 8th to 10th, 1919. Two delegates were allotted for each congressional district, allowing this state ten.

At the State Caucus held in Hartford, May 1st, the following delegates-at-large were elected to St. Louis Caucus: Hiram Biggam, New Haven; Walter Makepeace, Waterbury; James Moody, Hartford; Alfred Phillips, Stamford. Thirty out of thirty-five districts were represented by delegates. Vincent King represented Danbury.

It is a source of satisfaction to note that William Malone, of Bristol, wrote the major part of the Constitution as presented and accepted at that time. Connecticut's representatives also served on various committees including, executive, constitution, organization, convention, resolution, and finance.

The first meeting of the Connecticut delegates, after the Caucus, was held in Hartford. Authorized by the National Legion they resolved themselves into the first state executive committee. James Moody was elected Chairman; William Malone, First Vice-Chairman; Francis Carrol, Second Vice-Chairman; Alfred Phillips, Secretary; Frank Butterworth, Treasurer.

Each member of the committee was appointed organizer in his district. Under the guidance and leadership of such men, the Connecticut Legion grew to a membership of seven thousand in five

short months. Thirty-four Posts had been formed, constituting the Charter Posts of the State.

On June 12th, 1919, a certificate of incorporation was filed with the Secretary of State. A Charter and By-Laws were adopted at the second meeting of the State Executive Committee.

Bernard Matthies, of Seymour, was elected State Historian and authorized to write a history of the Connecticut Legion.

The first State Convention was held at Hartford, October 11th, 1919. Philo Calhoun, of Bridgeport, was elected Chairman; James Hurley, of Waterbury, First Vice-Chairman; Paul Sampsell, New London, Second Vice-Chairman; Thomas Bannigan, Hartford, Secretary; Frank Butterworth, New Haven, Treasurer.

An executive committee of two from each district was elected. The Convention was informed that Connecticut was entitled to eleven delegates to the National Convention.

[Note—Connecticut furnished 50,069 men for the United States Army during the Great War, ranking twenty-eighth in the list of states.]

The second State Convention was held in Bridgeport, August 21st, 1920.

John Pickett, of Ansonia, was elected Department Commander. Vice-Commanders, James Cannon, Windsor Locks; Dr. J. A. Getting, New Haven; Adjutant, Thomas Bannigan, Hartford; Treasurer, Frank Butterworth; Chaplain, Rev. Hal Kearns, Bridgeport.

The third State Convention was held in New Haven, September 17th, 1921.

Clarence Seymour, of Hartford, was elected Commander. Vice-Commanders, Paige Seaton, Torrington; Edwin Gill, Terryville; Adjutant, Clarence Guinan, New Haven; Treasurer, Frank Butterworth, New Haven; Chaplain, Rev. John Landry.

The fourth State Convention was held in Waterbury, September 8th and 9th, 1922.

Edward Kelly, of Bridgeport, was elected Commander. Vice-Commanders, Oliver Elsworth, Portland; Frank Hurley, Southington; Adjutant, Clarence Guinan; Treasurer, Clarence Scarborough, New Haven; Chaplain, Rev. Gallaudent, Waterbury.

CHAPTER IV.

Danbury Post.

Colonel Vincent M. King might be called the father of the local American Legion, as it was he, who was instrumental in obtaining the charter for the Danbury Post, No. 60. The others who signed the charter were Dr. W. Frank Gordon, Francis Haynes, Anthony Sunderland, Charles Scofield, Dr. D. Chester Brown, Thomas Settle, Herbert Durgy, Herbert Blackman, Henry Wilson, Morton Shepard, Thomas Keane, Walter Smith, Algie Mead, Gus Holmgren, Charles Lord.

Ten months after the first meeting in France of the "original twenty, who started The American Legion, Danbury Post was organized, December 18, 1919. Vincent King called the meeting which was held in K. of P. Hall, 249 Main Street. After announcing the receipt of the charter, he gave the purpose of the meeting, and in order to organize and carry on the business it was necessary to elect officers.

Walter Smith was elected Chairman and Francis Haynes, Secretary. A committee of ten was appointed to secure new members and bring in to the next meeting suggested names for the newly organized Post, as follows: George R. Hooper, Chairman; Emil Pauli, Joseph Platt, Frederick O'Connor, Herbert Blackman, Squire Romans, Charles Lord, John McLean, Anthony Sunderland, Gustave Pauli, Martin Green.

At the first regular meeting, the following committee on By-Laws was appointed: Frederick O'Connor, Bela Hornik, Henry Wilson.

A nominating committee of five members was appointed to present a list of names for the offices of Commander, Vice-Commander, Adjutant and Treasurer. Dr. D. C. Brown, Anthony Sunderland, Martin Green, Charles Scofield and George Hooper constituted this committee. Charles Scofield was named recruiting officer.

At the second regular meeting of the Post, January 12, 1920, the above nominating committee reported the following officers: Commander, Walter Smith; Vice-Commander, Dr. Gordon; Adjutant Francis Haynes; Charles Scofield was later elected Treasurer.

Executive Committee consisted of Morton Shepard, Herbert Blackman, James Biggs, Patrick Dellamonica, Paul Walsh. As there

were no other nominations the officers were declared elected for 1920.

At the following meeting Commander Smith made the following appointments: Membership Committee, Charles Scofield, Joseph Platt, J. White, Gustave Pauli, Emil Pauli, Anthony Sunderland, Bela Hornik, Squire Romans, Frank Stone, Ezra Edmonds, Gus Holmgren. Publicity Committee: Dr. Brown, Anthony Sunderland, John Horan. Entertainment Committee: Anthony Sunderland, Gustave Pauli, Joseph Platt, Bela Hornik, Squire Romans.

In February, a fund committee was appointed, consisting of Vincent King, Herbert Durgy, Harry Dolan, Frank Falvo, Otto Stietzel.

The name "Danbury" was unanimously agreed upon as appropriate for the newly organized Post.

Five new members were added to the Executive Committee: Herbert Durgy, Gustave Pauli, Frank Stone, LeGrand Benedict and Kenneth Hooper.

Frederick O'Connor was voted Second Vice-Commander.

An Athletic Committee was appointed as follows: Willis Tomlinson, Harry Dolan, Herbert Durgy, F. C. Van Deusen, Bela Hornik.

To cooperate with the G. A. R. and to celebrate Memorial Day fittingly, the following Memorial Committee was appointed: Frank Stone, Anthony Sunderland, Herbert Durgy, Squire Romans.

It was voted to extend a general invitation to all ex-service men and women, to participate with the Legion in the Memorial Day exercises.

The delegates elected to attend the State Convention to be held in Bridgeport, August 20th, were: Second Vice-Commander, Frederick O'Connor and Adjutant Francis Haynes.

On November First, the Post moved into its new quarters—four rooms over the K. of P. Hall, in the Hardware building.

November 11, 1920. The second anniversary of the Signing of the Armistice was celebrated by the Post, with a Military Ball, held in the State Armory. The occasion was such a success that it was voted to make it an annual affair, as a means of raising funds to help carry on the welfare work of the Post.

Roy Webber, was the first member of the Post to lose his life, having been killed in an accident, near Brookfield, September 8th, 1920.

At the end of the first year, the roster of Danbury Post, No. 60. shows a membership of one hundred and thirty-nine ex-service men and women.

The following officers were elected for 1921:

Commander, Dr. W. F. Gordon; Senior Vice-Commander, Frederick O'Connor; Junior Vice-Commander, Herbert Durgy; Adjutant, Francis Haynes; Treasurer, Charles Scofield.

Executive Committee: Phillip Sunderland, Bela Hornik, Pacifico Natale (for one year); Frank Cleary, Frank Stone, Louis Garrison (for two years); Harold Brundage, Linder Smith, Ralph Reynolds (for three years).

Legislative Committee: Vincent King, Frank Stone, Squire Romans, Charles Scofield.

Publicity Committee: George Hamilton, Dr. Brown, John Horan.

Memorial Committee: Louis Garrison, Herbert Durgy, Emil Pauli Otto Roemer.

Entertainment Committee: Herbert Durgy, Reuben King, Phillip Sunderland, Frank Cleary, Joseph Barry.

House Committee: James Knick, Thomas Atherton, Donald Tweedy, Ralph Reynolds, Alton O'Connor.

Athletic Committee: Ralph Reynolds, Martin Lacava, Squire Romans, John McLachlan.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Harry Miller.

Color Guards, Phillip Sunderland, James Knick.

Officers elected for 1922:

Commander, Herbert Durgy; Senior Vice-Commander, Alton O'Connor; Junior Vice-Commander, Reuben King; Adjutant, Alfred Lawson; Treasurer, Charles Scofield; Chaplain, Arthur Lake.

Executive Committee: Dr. Gordon, Francis Haynes, Phillip Sunderland (for three years.)

Legislative Committee: Dr. Gordon, Francis Haynes, Charles Scofield, Frank Stone, Vincent King.

Publicity Committee: Herbert Durgy, John Horan, Arthur Lake.

Memorial Committee: Francis Haynes, John McLachlan, Squire Romans, Harold Brundage, Herbert Durgy, Edward Valliere.

Activity Committee: Arthur Lake, Reuben King, Joseph Baary, Waldo Hyatt, Frank Sandusky, Harold Scofield.

House Committee: Harold Brundage, James Knick, Louis Garrison, Vincent King, Donald Tweedy, Frank Falvo.

Athletic Committee: Arthur Hall, Bela Hornik, Henry Rocano, Louis Wiedl, Frank Cleary.

Mayor's Committee: Donald Tweedy, Ralph Reynolds, Anthony Sunderland.

State Fund Committee: Frank Stone, Francis Haynes, Herbert Durgy, Joseph Gilliotti.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Otto Roemer. Color Guards, Louis Garrison, John Visny.

A handsome silk banner bearing the name and number of Danbury Post, No. 60, American Legion, was presented to the Post, as a gift from the Boosters' Club of this city, Friday evening, April 28, 1922.

The presentation was made by Mr. Arnold Turner, who in the course of his remarks, read the Preamble to The American Legion Constitution, which expresses the ideals for which the Legion stands. He also said The Boosters are striving for the same abjects and standards and that they are with the Legion in all its undertakings.

Officers elected for 1923:

Commander, Lieutenant Samuel Smith, U. S. A.; Senior Vice-Commander, Louis Garrison; Junior Vice-Commander, Harold Ruffles; Adjutant, Harold Scofield; Finance Officer, John McLachlan; Chaplain, Charles Scofield.

Executive Committee: (for three years) Herbert Durgy, Alfred Lawson, Alton O'Connor.

House Committee: Thomas Atherton, Eliot Parmelee, Morris Downs.

Activities Committee: Harold Ruffles, Alton O'Connor, Morris Downs, James Knick.

Memorial Day Committee: Harold Brundage, Alton O'Connor, Alfred Lawson.

Legislative Committee: Vincent King, Alfred Lawson Harold Scofield.

Civic Committee: Samuel Smith, Louis Garrison.

State Fund Committee: Frank Stone, Herbert Durgy, Carl Goos.

Membership Committee: Reuben King, Kenneth Wilson; Alfred Lawson.

Publicity Committee: John Horan, Herbert Durgy.

Sergeant-at-Arms, Willis Woodin.

Color Sergeants: James Knick, Thomas Atherton.

Guards: Robert Healey, Orano Capellaro.

Veterans of the World War Who Have Joined the Danbury Post
Since Its Organization, December, 1919.

George Allingham
Thomas Atherton
Potiti Anciello
Charles Balser
Clifford Banks
George Barhite
Joseph Barry
A. L. Bartlett
Sam Baz
Clifford Baldwin
LeGrand Benedict
Alexander Berardi
T. H. Bernd
James Biggs
Herbert Blackman
Vernon Blake
Harry Boughton
Phillip Bowers
Frank Borodenko
Eugene Bouteiller
Clinton Braunfeldt
Dr. D. C. Brown
Percival Brown
William Brown
Arthur Brink
Harold Brundage
Guisseppi Bupivi
Edward Burns
Charles Butt
Orano Capellaro
Louis Casini
Benvenuto Castrucio
Paul Cavanaugh
Cicero Clark
Frank Cleary
Arthur Cresci
Alfred Connolley
Henry Cornell
Arthur Covill
Nile Curtis
Leslie Davis
John Deakin
Anthony DeJulia
Salvatore DeJulia
Patrick Dellamonica
Harry Dolan
C. D. Downing
Morris Downs
Peter Durkin
Herbert Durgy
Patrick Dyer

Thomas Dyer
Ezra Edmond
Dr. R. M. English
Robert Fairchild
Frank Falvo
Carl Faust
Wilbur Ferguson
Vito Ferrando
John Fitzgerald
Arthur Foster
Arthur Franklin
Louis Garrison
Chauncey Gilbert
William Gildea
John Giglotti
Joseph Gillotti
Carl Goos
Dr. W. F. Gordon
Harold Grant
Martin Green
George Graef
George Griggs
James Grimshaw
Edward Grolljahn
Herbert Hand
Arthur Hall
George Hamilton
Francis Haynes
Robert Healey
Gus Holmgren
Kenneth Hooper
Nicholas Hooper
Reginald Hooper
Herbert Hopkins
John Horan
Bela Hornik
Edward Howard
John Hudson
Dominic Hunt
Waldo Hyatt
Lester Ives
Allan Johnson
Carl Johnson
Leroy Jones
Albert Kammler
Perry Katz
Francis Keane
Thomas Keane
Kenneth Keeler
Savas Kefian
Reuben King

Vincent King
Kenneth Kinner
Charles Kittle
George Klinzing
James Knick
Andriance Kniffin
Domonic Kudorowsky
Martin LaCava
Arthur Lake
George Lane
Alfred Lawson
Reginald Lewis
Wadsworth Lewis
Charles Lord
Samuel Loshin
Roderick Lutngen
John A. Lynch
John J. Lynch
Joseph Lynch
Edward Lyons
John Madden
Anthony Magliaro
Adolf Malaspina
Fred Morasco
Louis Marasco
Benjamin Maynard
Harold McCarthy
Harry McLachlan
John McLachlan
John McLean
Ronald McLean
Thomas McNally
Leon Meaney
Harry Miller
John Mitchell
Frank Montesi
Raymond Moore
Joseph Mortola
George Morton
John Murphy
John Murray
Pacifico Natale
Lea Newton
Alton O'Connor
Joseph Pollak
Salvatore Parille
Elliot Parmelee
Norman Parrott
George Pattison
Emil Pauli
Gustave Pauli

Harold Peffers
Phillip Peffers
John R. Perkins
Alexander Pizzo
Charles Platt
Joseph Platt
Bronok Plaski
Arthur Quaas
Fred Quaas
Donald Queeney
Henry Rau
John Renner
Ralph Reynolds
Thomas Reynolds
R. C. Richard
Harold Rickert
William Rider
Otto Roemer
Squire Romans
Henry Rocano
Stanley Rubenstein
Harold Ruffles
Felice Ruggiero
Basil Russell
Phillip Russo
James Ryan
John Ryder
Mike Sacco
Louise Sands

Frank Sandusky
Anthony Sanuik
Joseph Scheanblum
Charles Scofield
Harold Scofield
Benjamin Scully
Robert Settle
Thomas Settle
Joseph Shakeen
John Shakra
Morton Shepard
John Singer
Lawrence Smith
Linder Smith
Lieut. Samuel Smith
Walter Smith
Franklin Snow
Dr. W. M. Stahl
Frank Starr
Kenneth Stevens
Sylvester Stevens
Otto Stietzel
Frank Stone
George Stott
Antonio Strumolo
Anthony Sunderland
Phillip Sunderland
William Sunderland
Charles Susnitzky

Harrison Sword
William Temple
Irving Tierney
Fernand Thetion
Willis Tomlinson
Adolf Toudrick
Donald Tweedy
Edward Valliere
Frank Valluzzo
John Visny
Constantine Vournazas
Albert Walsh
T. J. Walsh
Paul Walsh
Conrad Ward
William Ward
Joseph White
William White
Louis Wiedl
Abraham Williamson
Henry Wilson
Kenneth Wilson
Leroy Woolard
Roy Webber (deceased)
Joseph Wochek (deceased)
Myrtle Woodman
Clifton Wright
Benjamin Young
Merrick Zucca

CHAPTER V.

Danbury Auxiliary, Unit No. 60.

January 17, 1921, might well be called the birthday of the local American Legion Auxiliary, for it was on that date the first gathering of mothers, wives, sisters and daughters of ex-service men was called, at the invitation of the Danbury Post. About thirty women responded.

The meeting was called to order by Mrs. D. Frank Stevens, who gave the purpose of the gathering. Alton O'Connor, Vice-Commander of the Post, outlined briefly the ideals of the Legion as expressed in the preamble of the Constitution; also the aims and purposes of the Auxiliary Units, discussing eligibility to membership, dues, finances and officers. In behalf of the Post, Mr. O'Connor offered the use of the Post's rooms for all future meetings of the Unit.

Mrs. D. Frank Stevens was elected President pro-tem and Mrs. Alton O'Connor, Acting Secretary. They were also appointed as Delegates to the first State Convention, to be held at Bridgeport, February First. Before adjourning, twenty-four members signed an application for a Unit Charter, as follows:

Mrs. Catherine Hager, Mrs. Nettie O'Connor, Mrs. May Brooks, Mrs. Florence Rooney, Mrs. Nellie Lawson, Mrs. Lillian Smith, Mrs. Gene Brundage, Mrs. Jennie Stone, Miss Louise Stone, Mrs. Louise Roth, Mrs. Nellie Thompson, Mrs. Minnie Wilson, Mrs. Kathryn Woolard, Miss Eda Woolard, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, Mrs. Hattie King, Mrs. Maude Parmelee, Mrs. Louise Walling, Mrs. Lena Giardina, Mrs. Louise Sturges, Miss Eloise Parmelee, Mrs. Elizabeth Hand, Mrs. Mabel Stevens, Miss Anna Hornik.

At the first regular meeting of the newly organized Auxiliary, a report of the delegates to the State Convention was given.

Governor Everett Lake was present and encouraged the women in their new undertaking and referred in glowing terms to the great aid they rendered the men who fought in France.

National Commander, Frederick Galbraith, gave a stirring address describing the neglect from which the disabled veterans of the war are now suffering. "The purpose of the Auxiliary is to aid The American Legion, and to look after the welfare of the ex-service

men, especially the disabled, just as the Women's Relief Corps has been aiding the Grand Army of the Republic. In time the Legion Auxiliary will succeed the Relief Corps and become the greatest patriotic organization in the country.

The result of the election for State Officers was as follows: President, Mrs. Fannie Crosby, Bridgeport; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. F. G. Carpenter, Wethersfield; Mrs. Raynham Townsend, New Haven; Secretary, Miss Helen Brock, Plainville; Treasurer, Mrs. William Bristol, Stratford; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary Higgins, Clinton.

To celebrate February 22nd, Mrs. D. F. Stevens gave a Washington Birthday Party at her home. This was the first social affair held by the Auxiliary and was well attended by members of both the Post and the Unit. A musical program was rendered, dancing was enjoyed, and dainty refreshment were served during the evening.

Two members of the Auxiliary have represented the Unit at the funerals of those heroes whose bodies were brought back from France.

On March 9th, we mourned the loss of our charter member, Mrs. Louise Walling, our gold-star mother whose son, Raymond Walling was killed in action and in whose memory the local Veterans of Foreign Wars was named.

The State President, sends the following greeting to Auxiliary Units, "We have not chosen this work, but were chosen for it, on that day when the finger of God touched us, and the seal of grief was pressed on our brow. On that day when we knew for a surety that our loved ones were going out over the threshold, from the warmth and light and liberty of home, to pass under the cold, hard yoke of army discipline and endure the terrors of a most brutal war.

That chapter of our lives was not closed when those who remained of our men returned from the winepress of '17 and '18, and it will not be closed until the last sick and disabled soldier has all the aid that medical and surgical skill and kindly nursing can give him, and all ex-service men have had a square deal from the country for which they put their lives in jeopardy."

The election of officers of Danbury Auxiliary, Unit No. 60, took place March 21st. Mrs. D. F. Stevens was elected President; Mrs. Minnie Wilson, Vice-President; Mrs. Nettie O'Connor, Secretary; Mrs. Gene Brundage, Treasurer.

The Executive Committee consisted of the following members elected: Miss Anna Hornik and Mrs. Kittie Ruffles to serve three years; Mrs. M. P. Reynolds and Mrs. Nellie Lawson for two years; Mrs. Charles King and Miss Kathryn Lane, for one year.

The gold-star members (those who lost either, father, husband, son or brother in the war) were presented with emblem pins at a fitting exercise.

On March 29th, the Danbury Post tendered a reception to its Auxiliary, and also had as guests members of the Grand Army of the Republic and the Women's Relief Corps. The boys served supper "Army style." A musical program was rendered during the evening.

The President of the Unit made the following appointments: Membership Committee: Mrs. Leroy Woolard, Mrs. Maud Parmelee, Mrs. J. P. Peffers, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, Mrs. May Brooks. Entertainment Committee: Mrs. Nettie O'Connor, Mrs. Christine Reynolds, Mrs. Florence Rooney, Miss Alice Ruffles, Miss Eloise Parmelee, Miss Eda Woolard. Card Committee: Mrs. Charles King, Mrs. Gertrude Davis, Mrs. Kittie Ruffles, Mrs. Nellie Hawley, Miss Anna Hornik, Miss Woolard. Publicity: Mrs. Stevens, Mrs. Hawley.

The Auxiliary Unit sent to the Senator of Connecticut a resolution adopted April 25th, indorsing the program of legislation asked by The American Legion for the relief of the disabled ex-service men. The Unit later received a reply from Senator McLean, stating it shall be presented to the Senate at an early date, giving the same his careful consideration.

A letter was also received from National Commander Galbraith in appreciation of the resolution calling for the relief of disabled veterans.

The Auxiliary Unit purchased and presented a handsome silk American Flag to the Danbury Post, with fitting ceremony, on May 27th. Commander Gordon accepted the colors, which will be carried in the parade on Memorial Day.

The exercise was witnessed by the G. A. R., Women's Relief Corps and the Spanish War Veterans.

Memorial Day, May 30, 1921.

With ceremonies reverent and patriotic, Danbury paid tribute to the memory of the men who served America, and whose bodies rest in local cemeteries, or lie in distant lands, perhaps unknown or unmarked graves. This probably will be the last Memorial exercises to be conducted by the G. A. R., whose ranks have become so thinned that only sixteen Civil War Veterans took part in the parade.

The day was observed as a general holiday. The National colors were displayed on all buildings and people everywhere wore poppies, the National Memorial Flower, and sold by The American Legion and its Auxiliary, for the welfare of the disabled.

Donald Tweedy, member of the Danbury Post was Chief Marshal of the parade. His staff consisted of Commander Gordon, Adjutant Haynes, Dr. Brown and Vincent King, of the Post; also Ira Wildman of the G. A. R., and John Haugh, Commander of the Walling Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars.

The first division comprised the military units, acting as escorts to the veterans of the last three wars; Battery D., C. A. C., Civil War Veterans, Spanish War Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, and its Auxiliary Unit, all in uniforms, also the Junior National Guards.

Ira Wildman presided during the exercises at the monument. Rev. John Kane was the speaker of the occasion. Rev. John Deyo read Lincoln's Gettysburg speech. The ritual of the G. A. R. was conducted by the members and at its conclusion taps was sounded by Bugler Pauli of the Post; the Flag upon the liberty pole was lowered; a salute to the dead was fired by the Battery Squad. The raising of the colors and the playing of the national anthem concluded the exercises.

The usual gathering of the veterans took place in the rooms of the Women's Relief Corps, where dinner was served to about one hundred and sixty former soldiers, sailors and marines. The Relief Corps which has faithfully carried on this work for more than a half century was assisted this year by the Danbury Auxiliary Unit, No. 60.

The Danbury Post and Auxiliary Unit went on record as expressing their deep sorrow at the untimely death of our late National Commander, Galbraith, on June 9th, 1921.

The Legion Charter was ordered draped and a telegram sent to Mrs. Galbraith expressing the sympathy of the members.

On June 27th, the Auxiliary Unit attended the Annual Flag Exercises of the Women's Relief Corps. An excellent patriotic program was presented, and thoroughly enjoyed.

In August, National Commander, John Emery, sent an appeal to every Post and Unit to try and double its membership. The members of the Auxiliary made an extensive "drive" for new members for both Post and Unit. The results proved satisfactory.

At a joint session of the Post and Auxiliary Unit in October, National Vice-Commander, Claudius Pendell, who happened to be East on a business trip, gave an interesting talk on what the Legion was doing out West especially in his district.

October 31st—November 2d—The Third National Convention of The American Legion was held at Kansas City, Mo. Vincent King represented the Danbury Post for the second time. He gave an interesting report upon his return from the Convention.

November 11, 1921.—Armistice Day was celebrated by the Danbury Post, by holding its second annual military ball in the State Armory. Remarks appropriate to the occasion were made by Commander Gordon. The gathering paid a moment's silent tribute to the soldiers dead, as they stood with bowed heads. "To the Colors" was then sounded followed by "taps" and the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner." Following the "grand march" led by Commander Gordon of the Post and President Mrs. Stevens of the Auxiliary, dancing was enjoyed the remainder of the evening.

A Card Party and Christmas Bazaar was held in December, which was well patronized.

The Auxiliary presented the Post with a substantial check as a Christmas gift, while the members of the Unit presented their President with a handsome plant, as a token of esteem in which she is held.

During the first year of the life of the Auxiliary the membership had increased to sixty-nine members.

On December 29th, the election of officers for 1922 took place, the result of which was as follows:

President, Mrs. Minnie Wilson; Vice-President, Mrs. Hattie King; Secretary, Mrs. Mary Fairchild; Treasurer, Miss Mildred Williams; Chaplain, Mrs. D. F. Stevens; Historian, Miss Anna Hornik; Executive Committee (to serve three years) Mrs. Nettie O'Connor, Mrs. Gene Brundage, Mrs. Lillian Smith, Mrs. J. P. Peffers.

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To celebrate the first anniversary of the organization of the Danbury Auxiliary Unit, No. 60, the members held a birthday party on January 20th. Members of the Danbury Post, G. A. R., Women's Relief Corps and K. of P., were guests of the evening.

At the first regular meeting of the Auxiliary, the President announced the following committees for the year 1922:

Publicity, Mrs. Kittie Ruffles; Membership, Miss Anna Hornik, Chairman; Mrs. Louise Roth, Mrs. Lillian Smith, Mrs. Florence Rooney, Mrs. Rose Civetti, Mrs. May Brooks. Welfare and Sick: Mrs. Nellie Lawson, Chairman; Mrs. Mabel Stevens, Mrs. Hattie King, Mrs. J. E. Woolard, Miss Eda Woolard. Entertainment: Mrs. Nettie O'Connor, Chairman; Mrs. Gene Brundage, Mrs. Mary Fairchild, Mrs. Vernon Blake, Mrs. James Knick, Miss Helen Gilbert, Miss Alice Ruffles, Miss Eloise Parmelee. Cards: Mrs. Stevens, Chairman; Mrs. Hattie King, Mrs. Maud Parmelee, Mrs. Smith, Mrs. M. P. Reynolds, Mrs. J. P. Peffers, Mrs. Nellie Hawley, Mrs. George Scofield, Mrs. L. W. Durgy, Miss Hornik and Miss Gilbert. Refreshment: Mrs. Hattie King, Chairman; Mrs. Maud Parmelee,

Mrs. Lawson, Mrs. Ruffles, Mrs. Rooney, Mrs. Katherine Stahl, Mrs. Harriet Baker.

February 22nd being an annual occasion, the Auxiliary celebrated it with a Washington's Birthday Party and had as guests, members of the Danbury Post.

On the evenings of February 27th and 28th, a Musical Comedy, "All Aboard" was presented at the Empress Theatre under the auspices of the Danbury Post. Without a doubt it was the largest production of its kind ever staged by local talent; about one hundred and fifty taking part in the chorus, including several members of both Post and Auxiliary.

A Card Party and Dance under the joint auspices of Post and Auxiliary, was held at the Hotel Green, April 17th, and was largely attended.

The Unit served an elaborate supper to a Fairfield County delegation which met in conference with the Danbury Post Executive Committee, April 27th.

Beginning in May, the Auxiliary will hold sewing gatherings twice a month. The articles to be made will be sold at a bazaar to be held in the fall.

Sunday, May 28th, the Danbury Post participated in the Memorial Parade and Exercises held in Bethel. The Auxiliary witnessed the exercises and sold poppies to help the disabled veterans. One thousand poppies were disposed of for Memorial Day.

Memorial Day, May 30, 1922.

Danbury pays homage to the men who served their country upon the fields of battle and who now lie in their last resting places. The chief feature of the day was the annual parade. Ralph Reynolds, of Walling Post was the Marshal, and had as aides, Arthur Wood, Linder Smith, and Leslie Davis. Herbert Durgy, Commander of Danbury Post, No. 60, was in command of the first division, followed by Battery D., C. A. C., then the survivors of the Civil War, riding in automobiles. Next came Walling Post, Veterans of Foreign Wars, with their Auxiliary; The American Legion, Danbury Post, with their Auxiliary in uniforms.

The exercises were held at Wooster Cemetery and were impressive. Flowers were scattered about the soldiers' monument to typify the laying of flowers upon the graves of all soldier dead, wherever they may be. "Taps" was sounded from a distance after the squad from Battery D had fired three volleys, and the exercises were ended.

At the conclusion of the return march, the veterans of the three wars, numbering over one hundred, assembled in the banquet hall

of the Odd Fellows' building, where dinner was served by the Women's Relief Corps, assisted by the Legion and Walling Post Auxiliaries.

A committee consisting of members of the Sons of Veterans, Spanish War Veterans and those of the late World War, marked with Flags, the graves of all the ex-service men who have died since the Civil War, numbering in all about 576.

In honor of Flag Day, the graves of the deceased World War Veterans were decorated by a committee of the Auxiliary Unit, assisted by George Hoyt, Sons of Veterans, and Reuben King, American Legion. The generous response of the school children for requests for flowers made it possible to place two bouquets (one of roses the other daisies) upon each grave. Twenty-eight graves were decorated in all.

The second Department Convention of The American Legion Auxiliary was held in Hartford, September 14th, 1922. Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Fairchild and Miss Williams were delegates from Danbury Unit, who attended the Convention, with Mrs. Stevens, and Mrs. Rooney as alternates. Mrs. Stevens was elected first delegate to the National Convention to be held in New Orleans, October 16th to 19th, 1922.

The State Officers elected at the Convention were: President, Mrs. Emma Carpenter, Wethersfield; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Grace Stratton, Bridgeport; Miss Mary Coyle, Waterbury. Secretary, Miss Helen Brock, Plainville; Treasurer, Miss Grace Merry, Hartford; Historian, Mrs. Grace Gill, Terryville; Chaplain, Mrs. Mary Orr, Meriden.

The third Annual Military Ball of the Danbury Post, was held in the State Armory, November 10th. Over 600 attended the event. Commander Durgy made brief remarks and introduced State Commander, Edward Kelley, who delivered a stirring address, reviewing in memory the events of the war and the days following the signing of the Armistice. He also spoke of The American Legion, giving its aims and purposes as an organization of ex-service men and women. At the conclusion of his remarks, the National Anthem was played by the orchestra. Dancing was enjoyed the remainder of the evening. The refreshment booth was in charge of the Auxiliary.

November 11, 1922.—The fourth anniversary of the signing of the Armistice was observed by a military parade and the unveiling of the Memorial Tablet. The plan for the parade was in charge of The American Legion, with Commander Durgy, as Marshal, having as his aides, Lieutenant Samuel Smith, U. S. A., Anthony Sunderland, of Danbury Post and Ralph Reynolds of Walling Post.

The exercises were held in front of the Post Office building where the bronze tablet is erected as a permanent memorial to the men of Danbury who gave their lives in the service of their country during the World War. Inscribed upon the tablet, in addition to the names of thirty-five men who made the supreme sacrifice, are these words: "In Honor of the Men and Women of Danbury, Who Served in the World War, 1917-1919, and in Memory of Those Who Made the Supreme Sacrifice for Liberty."

Colonel J. Moss Ives, Chairman of the War Memorial Committee presided. The principal speakers were, Rev. Joseph Twitchell, formerly of this city, who served as Chaplain with the 303rd Artillery, and the Rev. John Ryan, of St. Peter's Church. The Community Chorus sang "America" and the "Star-Spangled Banner." During the unveiling of the Tablet by Mayor Gilbert, "Nearer My God to Thee" was sung. Immediately after, a squad from Battery D. fired three salutes, followed by the sounding of "taps."

At the conclusion of the exercises, the Legion Auxiliary had a large wreath with the words, "We Did Not Forget" inscribed therein, placed at the base of the Tablet. In the afternoon and continuing for two days, seven members of the Auxiliary served on the Red Cross Membership Drive.

The Annual Bazaar of the Auxiliary was held December fourth. The articles the members had been sewing on since May were disposed of as well as home-made candy, cake and canned fruit.

To mark the third Anniversary of the organization of the Danbury Post, the Auxiliary invited the members to a Birthday Party, December 18th, in celebration of the event. The Unit took this occasion to announce that as a gift it had set aside a substantial sum of money to be used as a foundation for a building fund for the Danbury Post. The Commander thanked the Auxiliary for its generosity and cooperation.

The last meeting of the year, December 28th, was given over to the election of officers, for 1923. The following were declared elected: President, Mrs. Hattie King; Vice-Presidents, Mrs. Lillian Smith and Mrs. Gene Brundage; Recording Secretary, Mrs. Harriet Baker; Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. May Brooks; Treasurer, Mrs. Florence Rooney; Chaplain, Mrs. Mabel Stevens; Historian, Miss Anna Hornik; Sergeant-at-Arms, Mrs. J. E. Woolard. Executive Committee: (for three years) Mrs. Wilson, Miss Williams, Mrs. Parmelee; Mrs. Fairchild (for two years); Mrs. Clara McLachlan (for one year.)

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